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# Old Dominion Chapter #364

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Thanks for attending our December meeting of Old Dominion Chapter No. 364, National Sojourner's. Lady Margaret and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming meeting on January the 21st, 2009. Yes, I said 2009, I remember as a child how it would seem to take an eternity between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Now every few minutes I'm looking for a new calendar. We continue to meet at the Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge located at 8421 Arlington Blvd. (Route 50). The Arlington-Fairfax Elks Lodge is less than a mile west of Interstate 495. Our uniform is Coat and Tie for our members. If you haven't been to a meeting in a long time, please come back for our first meeting of the New Year.

At the December meeting I gave just a couple of notes from my program on the Christmas' of George Washington. I have included that talk

that wasn't given in its entirety. Some of the quotes have been left in the language, punctuation, and capitalization of the General's time. I hope that you can get some idea from the Washington's of just how important the whole holiday season was in their lives. We also welcomed a new Sojourner to our ranks in December and hope to do so again in January. We ended the evening with a couple of great musicians leading our holiday program. Their part of our evening was terrific and by the way so was your participation. Your singing was marvelous. If I ever start a Sojourner's Choir I will know exactly where to start.

If you have been a regular attendee at our meetings, thanks for your participation and loyalty to the unit we will see you once again on the 21st.  
"Thomas"

## Commander's Message

I want to continue to offer thanks for all those who made the October Bivouac a success. I know our new Heroes were suitably impressed. The next Bivouac will be at Fort Collingwood on Wednesday, 28 January. Social time begins at 1830, dinner at 1900, and our meeting at 1930. This will be a camp of instruction reviewing our programs, resources, and unit history. There will be an activity for the Ladies. Cost for the dinner will be \$15. A reminder email will be dispatched prior to the meeting. Hope to see you there. I also draw your attention to the 22 February Wreath laying ceremony at the tomb of WBro. GW on Sunday, assemble at the entry to Mt. Vernon at 8:30 AM and proceed to the tomb at 9 AM. Following that ceremony, tradition has it that we go to Pohick Church to meet-and-greet the parishioners from 10-ish AM and attend 11 AM Services at Pohick Church - Bro. GW's primary church - where we will be their guests, be

invited to sit in the Washington Family pews, and be recognized by the priest during the services. City of Alexandria's Birthday tribute to GW at 2 PM, with the many Masonic and City officials of the area, plus others. In December we recalled the heroic sacrifices and victory of Brother George Washington and his 2,400 troops at Trenton on December 26th which restored the hope of the Declaration of Independence. In January we remember the American victory at Princeton, New Jersey on 3 January over Lord Cornwallis that resulted in the British evacuation of most of that state. These successes encouraged the French and Spanish to increase their support for the American cause. Indeed, Brother Frederick the Great asserted that Brother Washington's achievements were "the most brilliant in military history."

EIAR.  
Thanks, Les

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## 17 December 2008 Meeting Minutes

Opening / Call To Order. At 2000 hrs. (8 PM), our ranks had swollen to 25 ladies and guests along with the members. Not bad considering the holidays are upon us and many demands of family, installations, and of course last-minute shopping. We had just concluded a nice time of well wishes to each other and a nice dinner. Bro. President Tom Little rapped the gavel and our attention shifted to the business of the evening – brief as it was, so we could enjoy songs of the season. Bro. Tom and his Lady Margaret led us in the Pledge of Allegiance, whereupon we gave thanks and praise to our God through our Bro. Chaplain and Maj. Dan Clark. Bro. Bill Turner, Interim/Acting/Pro Tempore Secretary, rendered the Toast to the Flag. Bro. Tom then offered the Purposes of National Sojourners to remind us of our kindred calling and goals we cherish.

The Secretary. With Zero fanfare, the traditional Motion, 2nd, and Vote – concurrently – were made to accept the minutes of the last meeting ... consecutive just takes time !! Bro. Bill noted that he had no current information on the status of Bro. Steve Carter [Sponsor – Bro. LTC David Keithley]. Bro. Bill read the application of Bro. Col. Ralph Olson (USAF) and suggested automatic acceptance, since he was of the finer Service, AND his application came with an MIP check. It was further suggested by a Marine that a vote be taken, since the check hadn't cleared, yet. Bro. Maj. Bill Sanner, Acting Marshal, escorted Bro. Olson to the outer door, whence the vote was taken for unanimous acceptance ... I told you so. It required, however, the motion of Bro. Capt. Joe Spruill (USN), and endorsements of Bros. Little and Clark – not to be confused with Bros. Lewis and Clark. We sang praises of Bro. Olson and Bro. Capt. Kent Webber (USN) for being his sponsor. Word on the street was that Bro. Olson's son might be a likely candidate for membership, as well, but the issue of Honorary percentage called for the Secretary to investigate our current posture. Well, we proceeded, then, with the Initiation of Bro. Olson by Bro. Tom, then Bro. Joe Spruill offered the Lecture, and we were led by Bro. Tom in recitation of the American's Creed. Bro. Olson was presented with his National Sojourners Medal and it was explained that he would get his Membership card and certificate from our National Secretary, Bro. Maj. Nellie Newcombe, along with his MIP star. Bro. Kent Webber offered the Medal Lecture. Clearing his desk, Bro. Bill asked for and received a new e-mail address for Bro. Capt. Bob Klementz (USN) ... thanks, Scotty. A letter from CLMA/Bro. Lt. Col. Harry Sanders/Liaison Coordinator asked that a significant package be handed-off to the Chapter First Vice President – it was done. A letter from CLMA/Bro. Col. Johnny Mayers/Secretary (Treas. OD Chap. #364) acknowledged receipt of a donation from the Chapter of \$25.00.

The Natl Scty/Bro. Nellie sent a letter on the SEM/3-6-5 Club status for our Chapter ... bottom line, it showed we needed a supplemental contribution of \$335.80. Bro. Bill put out a call for donations of any amount and Life Memberships at only a one-time donation of \$36.50. Bro. Bill refreshed the memory of all that these Life Memberships are Chapter-specific, that is, if you belong to five Chapters, you need to take out a Life Membership in each of them for the Chapter to get its appropriate credit ... for example, if you are a member of Washington Chapter #3 and have a Life 3-6-5 Club Membership with them, and you are a member of OD Chap. #364, you will need to take out a Life 3-6-5 Club Membership with them, as well, for them to get proper credit. Several "oh's" were heard and ... Bros. Ed Malinowski (visiting us from Chicago), Tom Little, Ralph Smith, and Joe Spruill promptly anted up ... How about You ???

Bro. Bill invited anyone interested to view our billings for the Newsletter production – setup and mailing. He noted that it was time for Annual Dues paying members to get their dues in NOW. He has already submitted three registers of checks received. He noted a bill was submitted, approved, and paid in support of Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Heroes of '76. He commended Bro. Johnny Mayers for his timely responses to needed payments to Hqs. on behalf of the Chapter. Bro. Bill reminded all of our Annual wreath-laying ceremony at the tomb of WBro. George Washington on the Estate of Mount Vernon. It falls on 22 Feb 09 !!! We invited the Grand Master of Masons in Virginia, MWBro. Jeffrey Eugene Hodges, and he has accepted. He also will join us in Colonial attire, as many other Grand Masters have done in the past. He is a member of Fredericksburg Chapter #545/Washington's Cruisers Camp. We have also invited our sister Chapters in the area to join us at 8:30 AM at the entry to Mount Vernon. Following the wreath-laying, we will go to Pohick Episcopal Church for their social hour at 10 AM to receive us and then attend services at 11 AM. All are invited to both events – Brethren, Ladies, and guests. All Heroes of '76 and Camp Followers are encouraged to wear Colonial attire to both events, as well. Bro. Bill noted that he received a complete membership packet for Bro. Mark Harford, who was not with us on this evening ... he was directed to keep it until Bro. Mark is able to be in our company for its presentation. Bro. Bill cited the numerous Return to Sender newsletters. Sadly, all have been resolved, save one, because these Brethren have passed to the Grand Commander of us all. The one is still under investigation – that of Bro. Lt. Vадja Kolombatovic of California. A discussion ensued over the best method of making reservations for dinner and meetings. It was agreed that a couple of redundant methods would be employed that should help en-

sure accuracy and success. Look for them in the cyber world of your e-mail. Phone calls may still be used.

The Treasurer. Bro. Johnny said: Checking balance – \$2,304.49-ish; and CapitolOne money market account – \$2,840.90-ish.

Editor's Note: At the Close of the meeting a donation was made to CLMA in the amount of \$27.00.

Introductions. Bro. Bill Turner/N2VP, Bro. Capt. Ed Arndt (USN)/Trustee, and Bro. Col. Scotty Cameron/Emeritus. Several others were noted at the Chapter level and thanked for their dedication and service.

Camp Commander's Report. Enter Bro. Maj. Les Albers, Commander, Light Horse Harry Lee Camp, Heroes of '76.

**27 Dec 08** ~ Request from Alexandria-Washington Lodge No. 22 for a Color Guard of Heroes @ 1930 hrs. (7:30 PM) at the GWMM Auditorium. A rehearsal on 26 Dec 08 @ 1830 hrs. (6:30 PM) was also noted. The Toast to the Flag will be offered by WBro. Earl Covey/Quantico Chap. #44/Samuel Nicholas Camp.

**07 Jan 09** ~ Request for a Memorial Service done by Heroes of '76 at a Harmony Lodge Stated Meeting following their 1830 hrs. (6:30 PM) dinner. The event will take place at Singleton-Hope-Lebanon Lodge Masonic Hall, 4441 Wisconsin Ave, NW, Washington, DC. [Editor's Note – since cancelled.]

**28 Jan 09** ~ Light Horse Harry Lee Bivouac is scheduled at Fort Collingwood on the Potomack @ 1830 hrs.

**22 Feb 09** ~ As previously noted, but with amplification that we are invited to sit in the GW Family pews, during the Services at Pohick Church. All are welcome !! Join the Grand Master on this special occasion.

The Commander offered Bro. Bill Turner's name as Adjutant of LHHL Camp for the remaining period of his term. The President, jointly with the Commander, called for a vote and it was accordingly so Ordered.

Committee Reports—Americanism. We were reminded that the 2009 National Sojourners Spirit of America Youth Leadership Conference will be held in Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge (FFVF), Valley Forge, PA, 16 -19 Jul 09. All high school sophomores and juniors are eligible to attend. Applications may be made through a National Sojourners Chapter. Information is available at the National Sojourners website [www.nationalsojourners.org](http://www.nationalsojourners.org) . Cost is \$430.00 per student but help is available through the Sojourner's Scholarship Program, where Chapters help subsidize tuition or sponsor students.

Wellness and Sadness – Patti Turner & All.

Bro. George Harrington/PNP/LOH – he is now home and recovering well for the Holiday.

Bro. Mark Harford – continues recovering from a heart attack and hopes to attend in January.

Lady Marian Harris – passed away. Interment is planned for 30 Dec 08 @ Arlington National Cemetery. It will be pre-

ceded by visitation at 12 PM (Noon) at Mountcastle Funeral Home, Dale City, VA. A 1 PM Service will be conducted. Interment will be at 3 PM, followed by a celebration of life reception at the Ft. Myer Officers Club. Donations to your favorite charity are encouraged rather than flowers. Bro. Bill moved that a donation in the name of OD Chap. #364 be made to the SEM Fund in her memory ... approved.

Bro. Phil Tilson/PNP – ability to communicate is totally lost. Needs to be fed and has no motor skills. Visits are almost exclusively by his daughter, son-in-law, and Bro. Charlie Davis/Shen. Chap. #543.

Lady Luella Harter – sends best wishes to all, during this holiday season. She asked to be removed from the mailing list, since she does not know most of the current members.

Bro. Maj. Ken Wrisley – he is "found." We now have an updated e-mail address for Bro. Ken.

Bro. Col. Dorsie Page – he too is "found." We now have an updated e-mail address for Bro. Dorsie.

The Program. "Christmas with George Washington" was the intended program by Bro. President Tom Little, but owing to the late hour and the festive singing we had planned, Bro. Tom will provide it on our website ... please take the time to read this interesting tidbit. We moved to Part II of the Program, the entertainment of Jim & Tia Gray with their harp, violin, and voice with Musick of the Season. What a joy and pleasure it was to have them in our midst !! First, we heard some musical renditions that put us in the mood, then we chimed in with our vocal contribution ... well, some of us did, then there were those of us that can't carry a tune in a bucket, much less in sound. It was a great time and we departed with smiles and best wishes to our musicians and our present company.

Old Business. Bro. Tom announced that this was Bro. Bill's last meeting as Acting/Interim/Pro Tempore Secretary, so if you can help with these duties, please let Bro. Tom know soonest.

Bro. Tom further announced that Bro. Handley Ward is getting dangerously close to needing to pull-the-plug on his support to us as Chapter Webmaster. We truly need your support in this, as well. Remember – he stands ready to train you !!! What a Deal !!!

New Business. As captured in the minutes above, Welcome to Bro. Col. Ralph Olson !!

Expect the new methods of making reservations – regardless, remember to make them. Phonevite.com is one of the new methods.

Extra Attention – see the Commander's Report

Good of the Order. The Gavel was passed and Bro. Chaplain and Maj. Dan Clark delivered the closing prayer. With nothing further claiming the attention of the Chapter, President Little closed for Business at 2105 hrs.

William G.L. Turner, PP  
Secretary Pro Tempore

# January Meeting Announcement

The next Chapter Meeting is on  
Wednesday, 21 January 2009, at the  
Arlington-Fairfax BPO Elks Lodge  
located at 8421 Arlington Blvd (US 50), Fairfax, VA 22031.

Uniform of the Day: Business Attire

## Masters and Wardens Night

Social hour before dinner. Dinner is at 1900 Hours  
in Fairfax Room on lower floor of Lodge at \$20.00 per person.  
Please make reservations through Brother Joe Spruill  
at 703-615-6275 or [joe.spruill@yahoo.com](mailto:joe.spruill@yahoo.com)  
by the end of the day on Sunday, 18 January.



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